Teaching of Urdu in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2992. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for teaching of Urdu in Kendriya Vidyalaya; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Provision for teaching of Urdu as a Regional Language/mother tongue is made in such Kendriya Vidyalayas as have 20 or more students willing to study it.

Kendriya Vidyalayas at Balaghat, Mandsaur and Satna

2993. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas were sanctioned at Balaghat, Mandsaur and Satna besides other;

(b) if so, whether these Vidyalayas have started functioning; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalayas were sanctioned at Mandsaur and Satna during 1987-88 but they could not start functioning as the necessary physical facilities were not made available by the sponsoring authorities.

Officers and staff of Railways on deputation

2994. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that while Railway Officers and Staff on deputation to RITES are being paid House Rent Allowance at the rates allowed by the Central Government to their employees w.e.f. 1st October, 1986 on the basis of recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission and those on deputation to IRCON are being paid on Third Pay Commission scales despite representations from these deputations; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remove this anomally?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Shifting of National airports authority Headquarters to Bombay

2995. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Mnister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift the Headquarter of National Airports Authority from Delhi to Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and b) The proposal of the National Airports Authority for location of its headquatrers office at Delhi has not been accepted by the Government. However, the National Airports Authority has been permitted to retain its headquarters at Delhi for a maximum period of two years during which period the possibility of locating a site outside Delhi is to be explored.

Telephone Facilities to heads of departments/deans in Delhi University

2996. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Heads of Departments and Deans in

Arts Facutly of Delhi University are not provided with direct telephone facilities in their offices as well as at their residences, thereby causing inconvenience to them in their functioning;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to provide telephone facilities to them in office and also at their residences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, Dean, Faculty of Arts has been provided with telephone facilities at his office and residence. It has, however, not been found possible to provide each Head of Department with a direct telephone due to paucity of telephone lines in the University. The Heads of Departments in the Faculty of Arts have been provided with PABX facility.

Blindness in India

2997. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the estimated number of blind people in the country during each of the last three years; and

(b) what fresh steps are proposed to be taken to check blindness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) ICMR Survey 1971-73 estimated 9 million blind people in the country at that time. These persons could not see well at 6 metre distance. National Sample Survey Organisation estimated the number of blind who could not see well at 3 metre distance at 3.47 million in 1982. No year-wise survey of blind people in the country has been undertaken. A fresh National Survey on blindness is currently in progress.

(b) To check blindness in the country Government have launched a country-wide National Programme utilising eye camp approach for outreach areas and development of additional infrastructure at various levels coupled with Health Education Measures for eye care.

Sale of adulterated ice cream in Delhi

2998. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ice cream manufacturers in the capital are selling highly adulterated products;

(b) whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration (PEA), Delhi has conducted any raids on the factories of the Ice cream manufacturers during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) As per the inforamtion furnished by the Delhi Administration, the number of samples of ice cream lifted and found adulterated during 1986 and 1987 are as follows:

Year	No. of sample of ice-cream lifted from ice-cream manufacturers	No. of sample found adulterated	Percentage of adulteration
1986	63	8	12.7%
1987	146	10	6.8%